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The second aircraft is about to fly into the World Trade Center, left photo, just after 9 a.m., Tuesday. A moment later, the plane crashes through the tower in an explosion that rips out the other side.



President Bush speaks in Florida shortly after the attacks. "Devotion, spirit and action," he adds, "will not stand."



People in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City react as they look down after the planes crashed into the towers' upper floors Tuesday morning. Both towers later collapsed.



A mother and daughter watch an airport TV monitor in Oakland, Calif., as one of the Trade Center towers collapses.



Fire and smoke pour from the upper floors of the World Trade Center south tower seconds after a plane crashed into it. The tower at right shows a gaping hole from the first plane impact.

AP/WIDEWORLD

# An "audacious terrorist attack"

## "Horrendous number of lives lost," New York mayor says

BY JAMES H. HANCOCK  
AP/WIDEWORLD

**NEW YORK** — In one of the most audacious attacks ever against the United States, terrorists hijacked two airplanes and crashed them into the World Trade Center in a coordinated series of blows Tuesday that brought down the twin 110-story towers. A place also slammed into the Pentagon, bringing the seat of government itself under attack.

Thousands could be dead or injured, a high-ranking city police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"I have a sense it's a business-class number of lives lost," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said. "Right now we have to focus on saving as many lives as possible."

Authorities had been trying to evacuate those who work in the twin towers, but many were thought to have been trapped. About 10,000 people work at the Trade Center and tens of thousands of others visit each day.

American Airlines said its two hijacked planes were carrying a total of 150 people. Two United Airlines aircraft, a seat of 110 passengers also crashed — one outside Pittsburgh, the other in a location not immediately identified.

"This is perhaps the most audacious terrorist attack that's ever taken place in the world," said Chris Yates, an assistant report in Jack's Transportation in London. "It takes a logistics operation from the same group involved that is second to none. It's a very small handful of brave groups to see that far. . . I would guess of the top of the list comes the Ladies."

President Bush ordered a full-scale investigation to "find down the folks who committed this act."

Early this evening, the Pen-

tagon took a direct, devastating hit from an aircraft. The force crash collapsed one side of the five-sided structure.

The White House, the Pentagon and the Capitol were evacuated along with other federal buildings in Washington and New York.

Authorities in Washington immediately began displaying losses, including an industry museum. The situation there at the White House was a full operation. And authorities went on alert from coast to coast, U.S. and Canadian borders were closed, all air traffic across the country was halted, and security was tightened at strategic installations.

"This is the second Pearl Harbor. I don't think that I overstated it," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Iowa.

In Norfolk, Navy ships were alerted north to provide more security and medical help to the two stricken cities.

Evacuations were ordered at the United Nations in New York and at the United Nations in Chicago. Los Angeles radioed in an evacuation of the city. With Disney World in Orlando, Fla., now evacuated.

Major league baseball postponed its entire schedule of 25 games today.

The U.S. financial markets came to a halt as a safety precaution. The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation's banking system will be protected despite the terrorist attacks, said it would make to provide more money to banks if needed.

In Iowa, a U.S. judge had set Wednesday as the sentencing date for a 300-Laden associate for his role in the shooting of a U.S. embassy in Tanzania that killed 11 people. The sentencing had been set for the federal courthouse near the World Trade Center. He was from the U.S. attorney's office could be reached today to comment on



Fire and smoke pour from a building of the Pentagon today after a direct, devastating hit from an aircraft.

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whether the sentencing was still on.

In the West Coast city of Dallas, thousands of protesters celebrated today's attacks, shouting "God is Great" and chanting loudly to protest.

American Airlines identified the planes that crashed into the Trade Center as Flight 11, a Los Angeles-bound jet hijacked after taking off from Boston with 60 people aboard, and Flight 77, which was en route while carrying 66 people from Washington to Los Angeles.

In Pennsylvania, United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 767 en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh,

with 45 people aboard. United said neither of its planes, Flight 175, a Boeing 767 bound from Boston to Los Angeles with 65 people on board, was involved, but it did not say where. The fate of those aboard the two planes was not immediately known.

At the World Trade Center, "everyone was screaming, crying, running, cops, people, firefighters, everyone," said Mike Smith, a fire marshal. "It's a war zone."

The planes blasted skyscrapers into the upper floors of the twin towers. About an hour later, the southeast tower collapsed with a roar and a huge cloud of smoke. The other tower fell about a half-

hour after that, covering lower Manhattan in clouds of gray rubble and broken glass. Firefighters trapped in the rubble rushed for help.

"Today we're had a national tragedy," Bush said in Saratoga, Fla. "Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country." He said he would be returning immediately to Washington.

**The crashes at the World Trade Center** happened minutes apart, beginning just before 9 a.m.

Heavy black smoke billowed into the sky above one of New York City's most famous landmarks, and debris rained down

on the street, one of the city's busiest work areas. Within the second plane hit, a fireball of flame and smoke erupted, leaving a large hole in the glass and steel tower.

John Alesi, who was getting off a commuter train to the World Trade Center, said he saw "hundreds falling out" of the building. He said he ran inside and watched people jump out of the first building. Then there was a second explosion, and he felt heat on the back of his neck.

WABC-TV, citing an FBI agent, said five or six people jumped out of the windows. Witnesses on the street witnessed every other building person injured.



People take fire from the area around one of the collapsing World Trade Center towers this morning.

JAMES HANCOCK/WASHINGTON POST

# "Everything came like a tornado"

BY HELEN IYOWE

NEW YORK — It was the scene of a nightmare: people as fire erupted in terror from the Trade Towers just before the buildings collapsed.

"Everyone was screaming, crying, running — cops, firefighters, everyone," said Mike Smith, a fire marshal from Queens, as he sat by the fountain outside a state courthouse, shortly after the second tower collapsed. "A couple of firefighters just picked me up and dragged me down the street."

"It's like a war zone."

Others compared it to Pearl Harbor as hundreds of people poured off the bridge on the Brooklyn side, covered in gray dust and soot. Many more emergency vehicles drove out to the police and fire departments.

Barry Bates, who worked on the 9th floor of One World Trade Center, said she saw a woman run her hand with her arm and legs and stayed there. As Bates and others were evacuated, they heard a second explosion.

"Everything came like a

tornado," she said. "People started running."

Workers from Trade Center offices scattered lower Manhattan in a daze, many barely able to believe they were alive.

Burt Shultz, 47, a computer network analyst, was on the 70th floor of one of the buildings when he felt something like an explosion rock it. He moved down 70 flights of stairs and outside, in a room in front of a nearby hotel. He was trying to calm a panicked woman when the building suddenly collapsed.

"I just got blown somewhere, and then it was total darkness. We tried to get away, but I was blown to the ground. And I was trying to help this woman, but I couldn't feel her in the darkness," Shultz said.

After the dust cleared, he found the "horizontal" woman and took her to a restaurant being used by rescue workers as a triage center.

Clyde Shultz, vice president of an insurance company, was at a meeting on the 10th floor of the 105-story North Tower of the World Trade

Center when his boss said, "Look at that!" He turned and through a window saw a plane go by and hit the other building.

He and his co-workers moved down the stairs. When they reached the 9th floor, they felt the building shake in the second plane hit. Later, in tears, his hair covered with gray ash, he asked: "I worry about some of my jewelry."

Jennifer Richman, 34, from Cedar, N.J., was in the audience heading for her 7th-floor office in the World

Trade Center when she "heard this big boom. Everything was going crazy. We all got out. The reason I got out of the building, the second building blew up. And this stuff started falling and all this smoke was coming through."

"People were screaming, falling and jumping out of the windows," Richman said. "I just saw the building I work in come down," said businessman Gabriel Lora, standing in shock outside City Hall, a cloud of smoke and ash from the World Trade Center behind him.

## "Terrorism against our nation will not stand"

MICHAEL MOSE

Ladies and gentlemen, this is a difficult moment for America. I unfortunately will be going back to Washington after my remarks. Secretary Bush and the President will take the podium and discuss education.

I do want to thank the folks here at the Southern Railway for their hospitality.

Today we've had a national tragedy. Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country. I

have spoken to the vice president, to the governor of New York, to the director of the FBI, and I've ordered that the full resources of the federal government go to help the victims and their families and to conduct a full-scale investigation to find out what happened and to find those folks who committed this act.

Terrorism against our nation will not stand.

And now, if you will join me in a moment of silence.

May God bless the victims, their families and America.

Thank you very much.



President Bush delivers a statement of silence at an elementary school in Savannah, Fla., after telling the group about the New York City disaster.

## Plane collapses one side of Pentagon

BY MICHAEL MOSE

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon took a direct, devastating hit from an aircraft and the ensuing jolt split off American planes were seen and Tuesday as an apparent terrorist attack quickly spread fear and chaos in the nation's capital.

The north center of the nation's military base was shaken and a portion of one side of the five-sided structure collapsed where the plane struck in subterranean secondary explosions were reported in the aftermath of the attack and great billows of smoke drifted upward toward the Pentagon River and the city beyond.

Authorities immediately began deploying troops, including a regiment of light infantry.

"Terrorism against our nation will not stand," President Bush vowed.

There was an attempt to restrain the impact.

"This is the second Pearl Harbor. I don't think that I overstate it," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Iowa, referring to the attack 60 years ago that surprised the nation and precipitated U.S. World War II.



A television image shows a fire burning on the Washington Mall after a reportedly hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon.

With Bush in Florida, his advisers were grasping a list of options, including closing the nation's borders, a senior U.S. official said.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was premature to discuss military options because investigators were still trying to determine who was

responsible for the attacks.

After from the Pentagon, a limited explosion were reported in the vicinity of the State Department and the Capitol.

The departments of Justice, State, Treasury and Defense and the Central

Intelligence Agency were evacuated — an estimated 20,000 at the Pentagon alone.

And the FBI ordered the entire nationwide air traffic system shut down.

A terrorist at people rushed from their office buildings throughout the nation's capital, eager to make a city under siege.



# **A COWARDLY ACT OF TERRORISM OR A DECLARATION OF WAR?**

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## LOCAL REACTION



Low Manhattan of U.S. Air Express watches the television in closed today of the Portsmouth Navy restaurant at Norfolk International Airport.

## Congestion, confusion hit Norfolk airport

BY MARK HAVES  
(STAFF WRITER)

NORFOLK — Hundreds of stranded passengers mobbed Norfolk International Airport, were directed to Norfolk from flights elsewhere, trying desperately to get out. There was no panic, only large crowds of frustrated people.

Lines at rental car counters were 10 and 20 people deep. Baggage carousels were jammed. People waited for a chance to use the few pay phones. Many sat on the floor and used cell phones. About every table was taken at one concession

restaurant, Freemason Abbey, where patrons watched the news on television.

All flights out were canceled around 9 a.m. All flights in the air were ordered to land. About 10 flights destined for other cities were forced to land in Norfolk between 9 a.m. and noon.

"We've been told by the FAA to expect a number of diversions," said Wayne E. Shantz, the airport's deputy executive director. "Planes that are in the air will be accommodated as quickly and as safely as possible."

There was no indication of

any terrorist activity at the airport, Shantz said, "but we certainly are on a heightened state of alert."

Hundreds of passengers were stranded, trying to find taxi cabs or buses out. Steve and Joani Roman of Philadelphia were on their way home from a vacation in Key West when their American Airlines flight was forced to land in Norfolk. It was scheduled to fly from Miami to Philadelphia.

At first, passengers in the plane had no idea why they were being diverted. The pilot said there was no air traffic control problems. But passengers with cell phones

called friends and family around the country and gradually learned the real news. It spread quickly throughout the plane.

"Now we're in Norfolk, the last place we expected to be," Steve Roman said. "We're just sitting here in shock, trying to figure out what happens to us next."

At the car rental counters, other passengers tried desperately to find transportation.

Mel and Julie Peter were on the final leg of their flight from Brazil to Miami in Philadelphia when they were forced to land in Norfolk. "They told us they would get

us a bus," Mel Peter said, anxiously.

Bill Blankfield was flying home from San Francisco to Boston. He had been visiting a friend. The flight from Atlanta was diverted to Norfolk. He stood on a long line at the Dollar Rental Car counter.

Franklin Rodriguez, his mother and wife waiting at the first counter, trying to get to back home to Miami. He is a security officer at the Duke County Port Authority.

"They're probably calling us to go in to work right now, so I'm going to try to get back there," Rodriguez said.

## Atlantic Fleet mobilized; security heightened

BY TERRY GOODMAN  
(STAFF WRITER)

NORFOLK — The Atlantic Fleet was mobilized Tuesday after the attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Ships were ordered south to provide additional security and medical help in the two stricken cities.

Sailors throughout the region spent the afternoon scrambling back to their duty stations.

The state, meanwhile, immediately increased police security at its major Hampton Roads ports Tuesday.

Gov. James Gilmore placed the Virginia National Guard and state police on full alert and ordered police across the state to watch for any crises.



An armed guard stands outside the gate at Quantico Naval Air Station following this morning's attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

that involve bombing, kidnapping or terrorism.

"We don't yet have any information to indicate any imminent attacks in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Gilmore said at a news conference. He asked Virginia's "remains calm and confident" in the aftermath of the "catastrophic and cowardly attacks."

Admiral Robert F. Butler, commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet, said it soon that he had ordered his ships in the area stationed and had stationed additional medical personnel to join his Marines and amphibious ships, which have extensive medical facilities, to help handle the injured in New York.

He said he had been in contact with New York's deputy mayor throughout the morning. He also said he had been talking with the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Clark, whose office is in the section of the Pentagon that was damaged when an airplane hit the building. Starter said the Chief was in an alternate location that is designed to protect.

Army military installations were placed at Threat Condition Delta, the military's highest security level. It is one step higher than the security required after the attack on the destroyer Cole last October in Yemen.

## Hampton Roads struggles for control amid chaos

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Within minutes of the evening's attacks, people across Hampton Roads struggled for control amid the chaos.

Office workers, holding alternate television sets to watch the devastation unfold in New York and Washington, D.C.

Phone lines jammed. Restaurants closed. All 55 Virginia Beach schools and two in Norfolk (university buildings, including students in classrooms for safety. Military

personnel went on alert. The American Red Cross called for emergency blood donations.

From downtown Norfolk's commercial centers to Virginia Beach's city malls, the chaos was the same. What happened? And our friends and loved ones (G2) are safe.

At a news conference shortly after 9 a.m., John Robert Foster spoke with reporters at Norfolk Naval Station about security at local military installations.

"We are going to have much increased security," Foster said. "I would ask the public's support for these increased steps."

Foster would not confirm that officials have placed area naval installations at the highest security level. The leader of the Atlantic Fleet also declined to say whether there were plans to move President George Bush to a Navy base locally.

Noting that local military ships, planes and amphibious craft are heading

to New York and Washington with air defense and medical care.

When asked whether the reported terrorism attacks across the East Coast would lead the country to war, Foster declined to speculate, but added: "We have been attacked (we haven't been attacked since Pearl Harbor)."

Foster's words were second to the Norfolk Station's daily work at 9 a.m., demanding that the wide-screen tele-

visions be turned from audio to news.

"This sorry, I just heard that a plane crashed into the World Trade Center," said the director's regional manager.

News coverage grew up on Long Island. He had friends on Wall Street and a cousin who he thought worked in the World Trade Center.

He heard early reports in the radio, driving in from Newport News, and it seemed the second (Hampton Roads) disaster.



Beth Little watches news reports of the attacks in New York City and the Washington area on a television in a Virginia Beach restaurant Tuesday morning.

## United Airlines says 2 planes crashed, one near Pittsburgh

BY TODD MANGLIE  
(STAFF WRITER)

SHANESVILLE, Pa. — Two United Airlines jetliners crashed Tuesday afternoon near Pittsburgh and the second at a location the airline did not immediately disclose. A total of 118 people were aboard the two planes, the airline said. One plane, United Flight 93, crashed north of the Somerset County airport, a small airport about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

"It shook the whole state," said Bruce Grice, owner of Grice's Service Center in Shanesville, about 20 miles from the crash.

"Everybody ran outside, and by that time the first jetliner was burning."

United said that flight, a Boeing 757, left Newark at 8:41 a.m., headed for San Francisco with 56 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants.

The jetliner said United Flight 375, a Boeing 767, also crashed, but United did not give a location. That plane left Boston at 7:58 a.m., bound for Los Angeles with 56 passengers, two pilots and seven flight attendants, the airline said.

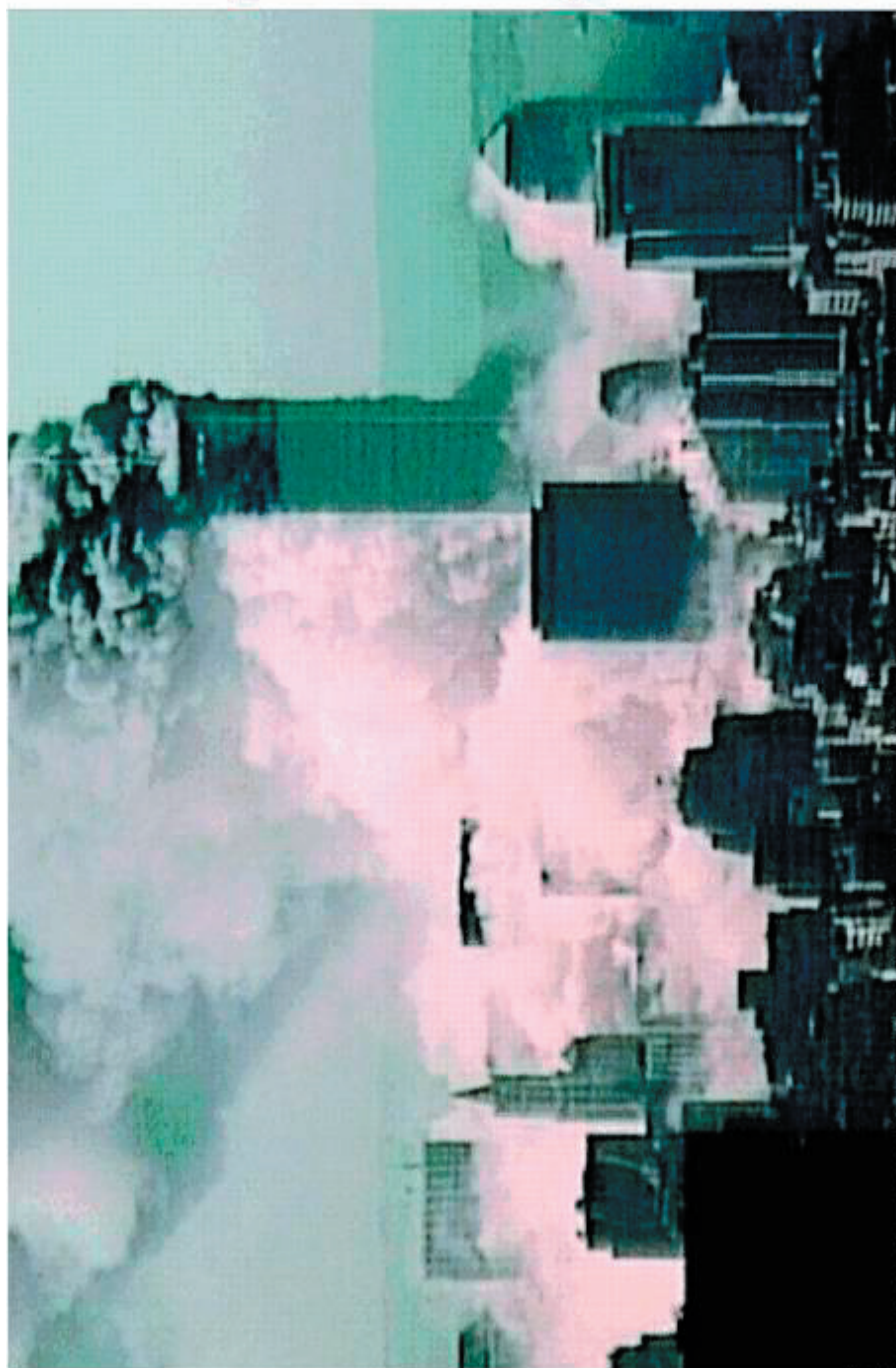
Because of attacks Tuesday at New York's World Trade Center, the Federal

Aviation Administration had ordered all departing flights canceled nationwide, and any planes already in the air were to land at the nearest airport. The Pennsylvania crash came after the order was issued.

The jetliner said Somerset County dispatchers, Flight 93 crashed about 10 a.m. about 8 miles east of Shanesville, WPAI-TV in Pittsburgh reported.

Earlier Tuesday, terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center, and the other 10 they flew into collapsed. A plane also hit the Pentagon in Washington.

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It began shortly before 9 a.m. A plane, allegedly hijacked, slammed into the World Trade Center. Moments later a second plane hit the other tower. Within an hour, both towers had collapsed, scattering in the most devastating terrorist attack in U.S. history, one that included an attack on the Pentagon.